

fully agree with Doctor Spencer in contending that it is the duty of all physicians to consider this subject and strive to aid progress, but in our present knowledge, when a doctor has fairly warned his client of his danger, to me, he seems to have done all that is practicable. . . .

. . . Doctor Krotoszyner of San Francisco: . . . There ought to be a course of public lectures given annually to the educated laity at large—lectures that deal with the most pertinent points as regards the pathology and prophylaxis of venereal diseases. . . .

. . . Dr. D. W. Montgomery of San Francisco: . . . The control of venereal diseases by law is, I think, hopeless. In the diseases gonorrhea, syphilis and chancroids we have affections that allow the patients to pursue their vocations without, as a rule, giving any outward signs of their trouble; their physicians in whom they confide are in honor bound not to denounce them. . . .

Doctor Spencer: . . . I agree with Doctors Chismore, Krotoszyner and Montgomery in regard to regulation by law. It must be more in the manner of moral influence and teaching. . . .

From the proceedings of medical societies:

. . . At the last regular meeting of the Academy of Medicine the election of officers resulted in the re-election of the officers who served last year, namely: Dr. D. W. Montgomery, president; Dr. Dudley Tait, vice-president; Dr. Louis Kengla, secretary; Dr. Henry Kreutzmann, treasurer. The committees will be announced later by the president. . . .

. . . The first regular meeting of the year of the Los Angeles County Medical Association was held January 2, 1903. The retiring president, Dr. J. H. Utley, delivered an address on Louis Pasteur. . . .

CALIFORNIA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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According to information, Fred J. Barnet, M. D., is now serving a jail sentence in Los Angeles on three separate charges of sixty days each for the illegal possession and sale of liquor. A citation has been issued calling Doctor Barnet before the board at the February 1928 meeting to show cause why his license should not be revoked.

According to the *Oakland Times* of November 4, 1927, complaint has been filed charging the Sing Herb Company, 491 Tenth Street, and the Fong Wan Company, 576 Tenth Street, Oakland, with violation of the medical practice act, it being related "Fong Wan, known as 'Dr.' Fong Wan, came into the limelight of official investigation several years ago when he charged that two state officials and one city employee solicited \$10,000 from him, promising that they could prevent passage of the Chinese herb bill which was then before the legislature for action." Fong Wan some time ago is reported to have brought suit against H. G. Henderson, special agent of the Board of Medical Examiners, in connection with our investigation of Fong Wan's alleged violation of the medical practice act.

It is related that Chan & Kong, 901 Clay Street, Oakland, were recently investigated in connection with a charge of violation of the medical practice act. Our investigator reported that Chan Kong related: "In the right hand you could find out about your

heart, liver, and kidneys; with the left hand your heart, lung, and kidneys."

According to a report from our Special Agent Carter, Cora L. Compton, Chirothesian practitioner, was on December 1 found guilty of violation of the medical practice act and paid a fine of \$100, an additional sixty-day jail sentence being suspended for one year on condition that there be no further violation of the law by this defendant. It is related that Chirothesian practitioners' or healers' certificates are obtained ostensibly by passing some sort of an examination, but the principal thing required, as far as we are able to ascertain, is the payment of about \$200 and annual payments thereafter. It is related that W. Grant Hess, the so-called "bishop" of the Chirothesian Church of Faith, testified two or three years ago in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County in the case of *People vs. Larkin* to the effect that under the tenets and authority of the church their practitioners could use all natural means, indicating that in some instances medicine might be considered natural means.

A new institution, named the College of Enerology, has recently come to our attention, located in San Diego and reported sponsored by Nelson C. Oakley, D. C., of the Clewell College of Chiropractic; A. McKay Jordan, and Charles Rosedale, M. D., the advertisement relating that the institution will confer various degrees. "Instructors and equipment are first class. . . . You must by this time have absorbed sufficient knowledge of the purposes of the First National Health League, to catch, in a measure, the vision of its founders. With San Diego the hub, and the United States its rim, you are able to see the strength and radius of the wheel. Every individual is a prospect; every health seeker a candidate; every health center a nucleus, and every man, woman and child a part in the 'turn' of the wheel." Our investigator relates: "This is evidently another scheme to give an excuse to unlicensed individuals for the use of the prefix 'Dr.' and the word 'doctor' by conferring on them the degree of 'Doctor of Enerology.'"

The San Francisco *Examiner* of November 10, 1927, relates that Mrs. Ernestine Engelhardt (nee Gollas) on November 9 paid a fine of \$100 in the police court of Oakland on a charge of violation of the medical practice act. For some time she has conducted a so-called cancer institute in Oakland and published a pamphlet entitled "Cancer Cure." Our special agent relates: "Some of the highlights of her publications are the manufacture of inulin, made from chicken gizzards; the Bellflower apple tree touched by a woman having a cancer, which broke out in sores; and the statement that all human ills, including cancer, can be cured with a half an ounce of tincture of iron in a quart of glycerin applied locally and taken internally, and Blaud's Pills." Investigation discloses that in 1926 she was declared mentally incompetent in the Superior Court of San Francisco, and we are assured that she will not further violate the law.

Our attention has recently been called to the "International School of Professional Arts and Sciences" with headquarters at 860 Geary Street, San Francisco, a recent circular stating that "an expert faculty of not less than eight in number, among them former staff members of the world's most famous institutes, will instruct the class." However, no physical evidence of this institution can be found. The articles of incorporation relate among the purposes, the teaching of medicine, surgery, dentistry, optometry, chiropody, the granting of diplomas, degrees, etc. It is a question whether this institution comes under the provisions of Chapter 152, Statutes of 1927, known as the "college incorporation bill" which was designed

to control the easy incorporation of institutions empowered to grant degrees.

Reports relate that on November 18 Lenore Johnston, in the municipal court of Long Beach, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100, suspended on condition that the defendant does not violate the state medical practice act for two years.

Our special agent recently quoted from a letter from San Diego relating: "Several doctors locally have reported to me a rather slick individual using the name of Arthur B. Kent. He asks for morphin enough to carry him to Oakland. He states he has had cancer of the bowel or has ulcerations, and is on the way to Oakland for operation. He carries a letter from Sheriff Treager recommending him to the good graces of any doctor, together with a deputy sheriff's badge. He also has a letter from a Doctor Rubinstein of Oakland requesting doctors to supply the necessary dope. He has been working this gag since October 22." Investigation discloses that Kent was at one time a deputy sheriff in Los Angeles County, but resigned last June, it being related that the letter purported to have been written by Sheriff Traeger was in fact written by Kent, who was at one time secretary to the under sheriff. The licensed physicians of this state are warned against any such procedure as here outlined.

Special Agent Carter recently had occasion to investigate the advertisement in a Los Angeles paper reading: "Cancers 90 per cent successfully treated—R. M. Pyle, 3529 N. Broadway." He related that this was the address of R. W. Levy, a dentist, and Douglas W. MacMillan, M. D., Mr. Pyle not being there. It was related that he was in Bakersfield and did not come to Los Angeles, but that Doctor MacMillan was handling the business, and that despite the advertisement reading "90 per cent successfully treated," he had only noted success in one case and was not sure that it was cancer. Such advertising appears to violate the eighth subdivision of Section 14, smacking of false and misleading advertising.

The Fresno *Bee* of November 16, 1927, relates that a continuance has been granted Dr. G. Carl H. McPheeters, now awaiting trial on a grand jury indictment for sending obscene matter through the mails.

Assistant Special Agent Davidson relates a recent investigation of the Sing Herb Company, 491 Tenth Street, Oakland. It is related that an investigator was admitted to an office where a pulse examination was taken by a supposed non-English-speaking Chinaman, named Suen Hing Wan, the interpreter being an Americanized Chinaman by the name of Chan Git, alias Thomas Chan. Our investigator reported that upon his arrival with a search warrant he asked Chan Git for the doctor and was informed they had no doctor, that they were herb merchants. Upon asking the investigator which Chinese made the examination and represented himself as being a doctor, he pointed out the elderly Chinese, Suen Hing Wan. Git spoke up and said that the other Chinaman did not speak English. When one of the United States immigration inspectors with our investigator asked the Chinaman in English when he came to this country, he received the reply, also in English, "in 1913." Upon asking him for his "Gi Mi," which is their passport and photograph, he told the inspectors that it was in San Francisco. When asked who was the Chinese woman who was present he stated that it was his wife, all of this conversation being in the English language. This shows that the purpose of using an interpreter

was more or less of a fraud, as it is in probably all of their cases. This procedure is a new method of investigating the alleged violation of the so-called Chinese herbalists who heretofore have escaped punishment by claiming a lack of knowledge of the English language, necessitating the use of an interpreter, but this claim was exploded by the conversation above related, and the result of the trial in the Oakland courts is awaited.

The "University of Natural Healing" is reported as a title assumed for business purposes by S. I. Kimbro, Los Angeles, who has run foul of the law in connection with his alleged violation of the medical practice act. At present he is reported to call his business the "Kimbrow Health Institute."

San Francisco, November 30.—Plans of Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, national president of the Rosicrucian order, and philosophical cult, who yesterday announced a project for establishing a colony in Egypt, faced opposition at a point much nearer home. . . . Doctor Lewis said his plans provided for the sailing of five thousand American men, women, and children next year to Tel-El-Alarna, a city by the Nile in central Egypt, founded by Amenhotep IV, who reigned in Egypt about 1466 B. C. Doctor Lewis stated that his colonists would abandon modern dress, assume the costumes of the ancient Egyptians and live in accordance with the principles propounded by Amenhotep in an effort to prove that these laws have not lost their value for the human race.—*Sacramento Bee*, November 30, 1927.

The article further relates that the national headquarters of the Rosicrucians would be moved from Tampa, Florida, to San Jose, and that a fifty-watt radio station would be established at Rosicrucian Park which brought sharp protest from San Jose residents.

Dr. Robert H. Sallfield, arrested Thursday by the San Francisco police on an Oakland warrant, had a running mate in James Forester Peck, Jr., former East Bay broker, the police report, following a more thorough investigation of their alleged fictitious check operations (Oakland *Tribune*, November 19, 1927). The records of the Boards of Medical, Osteopathic, and Chiropractic Examiners do not show the name Robert H. Sallfield.

A press dispatch dated Fresno, November 30, 1927, printed in the San Francisco *Examiner* of December 1, 1927, relates that "Dr. Henry C. Wallace, negro physician, today entered a plea of guilty in the United States District Court to a grand jury indictment charging him with violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act and was sentenced to five years' probation by Judge William B. James."

In line with his recently instigated campaign of sending to jail persons arrested for driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicants, Municipal Judge Wilson yesterday imposed a straight sentence of thirty days upon Dr. C. B. Wiley, 52 years of age, charged with being drunk. . . . Doctor Wiley, who gave his address as 319 West Ninety-first Street, pleaded not guilty to the drunk charge when taken into court two days later. Yesterday he came before Judge Wilson and changed his plea to guilty and requested immediate sentence.—*Los Angeles Times*, November 16, 1927.